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**South Africa Planting Female Spy in the U.S.?**

BESET BY MOUNTING American protests against its racial-segregation policies, the South African government is apparently sending a female spy to Washington.

A foreign-policy expert has given New York what appears to be a photocopy of a classified transmission prepared by Colonel Graham W. George Jr., U.S. defense attaché in Pretoria, for the Defense Intelligence Agency in Washington. The transmission says that a source identified only as "R.O." has

been told that the South African Defense Force is posting an unmarried woman officer here to gather intelligence "from open sources in the D.C. area." The woman will be attached to the South African Embassy, but the defense force "has not decided what to call the position," says the document. The foreign-policy expert said he knows the document is genuine, but a spokesman for the U.S. Embassy in Pretoria was unable to confirm this.

One person who is assum-

ing it is genuine is Randall Robinson, executive director of TransAfrica, the lobbying group coordinating demonstrations outside the South African Embassy and consulates. "I assume she's being sent to gather intelligence on demonstrators," he said.

But South Africa's minister of public affairs at the embassy, Paul Coetzee, said he has "no knowledge" of any such new posting, insisting that the protests "have caused us no problems at all."

He conceded though that

his government is worried about the pressure on institutions to divest themselves of stock in American firms doing business in South Africa. In fact, South Africa has appointed economist Marc Burger to "coordinate" a countercampaign. "We have to watch out for dirty tricks," commented Kenneth Zinn, associate director of the Washington Office on Africa, a group leading the disinvestment movement. But Coetzee said, "I can tell you we will do nothing underhanded."